

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Claims 11-28 have been canceled. Claims 1-10 are pending in this application.

Responsive to the Examiner's statements that the Restriction Requirement is made final, Applicant has canceled non-elected claims 11-28.

Claims 1-10 stand rejected under the judiciary created doctrine of double patenting over claims 1-10 of U.S. Patent no. 6,311,331. In response, Applicant herewith submits a terminal disclaimer in compliance with the 37 CFR 1.321(c) to overcome the rejection under judiciary created doctrine of double patenting. Accordingly, it is submitted that this rejection is now deemed moot.

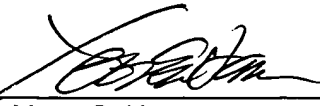
The prior art made the record and not relied upon is noted.

All objections and rejections having been addressed, it is respectfully submitted that claims 1-10 are now in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is earnestly solicited. If any issues remain to be resolved, the Examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below.

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